

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAURINE WILLIAMSON CAIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Maurine Williamson Cain of Rockwall who passed away June 19 at the age of 95. Maurine was a faithful church member; dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother; a crucial member of the Rockwall community in her role as an educator; and a dear friend of mine.

The youngest of five children, Maurine was born May 27, 1919 in Forney, Texas to two loving parents—Jim and Grace Williamson. She grew up in Chisholm and Rockwall and enjoyed an active and involved family life.

After Maurine graduated from Rockwall High School in 1936, her brother Clifford and his wife Elva helped Maurine with her first step into higher education. She studied two years at Texas Military College in Terrell, Texas and continued her education at East Texas State Teachers College (known today as Texas A&M University—Commerce) where she earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees. She then began her 38-year career as an educator at Scurry Rosser High School and Quinlan High School.

On June 8, 1941, Maurine married Ted Cain in Holdenville, Oklahoma. The couple celebrated the birth of their son, Dewayne, as well as the births of two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren over the course of their 70-year marriage before Ted passed away in 2012.

One year after their marriage, Ted left Texas to serve overseas in World War II. At home, Maurine worked at the defense plant in Garland and began teaching in a one-room school known as Locust Grove Community School. She taught all seven grades by herself and also served as school janitor, cook, and nurse. Maurine spent the last 34 years of her career in education teaching various grade levels at Rockwall Elementary School and Dobbs Elementary School before retiring in 1987.

In honor of Maurine's dedication to educating the children of the Rockwall Community, on October 17, 1999 the Rockwall Independent School District named and dedicated Cain Middle School in her honor. Maurine enjoyed being involved with the school and attended many pep rallies, awards ceremonies, and other school events.

In addition to her involvement with the Rockwall school system, Maurine maintained close relationships with her church family at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall and its Ruth Sunday School class. She was also a member of Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Chi, and the Texas State Teachers Association.

Maurine is survived by her son, Dewayne Cain, and his wife, Ann Atkins Cain; her granddaughter, Amy Cain Cox, and her hus-

band, Wendell Cox; her grandson, Chris Cain, and his fiancée, Ami Wester; and three grandchildren, Jackson, Johnny, and Annie Cox.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Maurine Williamson Cain and the positive impact she had upon her community. She was a woman of faith and family who believed "you never stand taller than when you stoop to help a child." I believe we can all learn from her example.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC). Headquartered in Elizabethtown, KY, ECTC will celebrate 50 years of educational excellence and service to Kentuckians during the 2014–2015 school year.

For five decades, ECTC has enriched the lives of its students by providing access to quality and affordable academic, technical and community education programs. By partnering with the public, these efforts have been felt by the community as well.

From 355 enrolled students in 1964, to 7,000 today—it is clear that ECTC has blossomed into a strong institution of learning. With four campuses and additional extended campus sites, ECTC directly serves 12 counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

To everyone at ECTC—your commitment to the education of future leaders is commendable and I hope you are very proud of this achievement. I join with all of Kentucky's Second District in congratulating everyone at ECTC on reaching this milestone and wish you many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING PADRÓN CIGARS ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Padrón family on the 50th anniversary of Padrón Cigars founding. Padrón Cigars is a landmark institution in the Miami community, and is well-deserving of recognition.

Mr. Jose Orlando Padrón arrived in Miami in 1962 from Cuba. He was thirty-six years old and soon began work as a carpenter, after receiving a small hammer from a friend. With

that hammer he worked day and night in order to establish himself, and not live off government assistance. He toiled for months with the goal of opening his own cigar factory, so that he could produce cigars just like the ones he used to smoke in Cuba. After managing to save \$600 he was able to open Padrón Cigars on September 8, 1964 in the Little Havana neighborhood of Miami.

Mr. Padrón began by using tobacco from Connecticut. However, in order to meet demand he opened a factory in Nicaragua in 1970. Political turmoil at the time led to the burning of their factory in 1978, but it was restored in 1979. Further issues arose in 1985, which forced him to shift production to Honduras. However, today his company continues to thrive, and is back to manufacturing its award-winning cigars in Nicaragua. Padrón's cigars are continuously rated as one of the best cigars in the world, and have won yearly awards for their exceptional quality. Mr. Padrón himself has been inducted into Cigar Aficionado's Hall of Fame.

On a more personal level, I have known the Padrón family for many years. Jose and my father were very good friends, and the family has since become very close friends of mine. They are truly one of the most exceptional, loyal, trustworthy, and caring friends I have and I cherish our families continued friendship. It is a privilege to know Jose, his children, and the rest of the Padrón family. In addition, they have been devoted to their company, their employees, and the Miami community since its inception. Today, the Padrón family's dedication has made Padrón Cigars an irreplaceable company for South Florida, and their family has become a treasure for the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Padrón Cigars, and the entire Padrón family, as they celebrate this milestone. I am certain that we can all look forward to many more years of outstanding cigars, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their outstanding achievement.

RECOGNIZING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT WILLIAM R. CHARETTE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Chief Hospital Corpsman William R. Charette, for his commendable service in the Korean War.

William Charette was born in Ludington, Michigan. He stayed in Michigan until he signed with the U.S. Navy on January 11, 1951. Charette served in the United States Navy from 1951–1977. During his years of service, William Charette served in Korea, where he was a part of the 2nd Battalion of the 7th Marines.

On March 27, 1953, Charette was serving near Panmunjom, Korea, when his company

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was attacked by enemy troops. Charette worked quickly to treat his fellow soldiers as best he could. While treating one soldier, a grenade landed near them, and Charette threw himself on top of the other soldier in an effort to absorb the blast. Although the blast destroyed Charette's medical kit he continued to treat soldiers by tearing off pieces of his uniform to help treat wounds. At one point, a soldier was so badly wounded that he was unable to move on his own accord. Charette stood up in the trench and lifted the man and carried him through enemy fire to safety. For his actions, William Charette was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 12, 1954.

William Charette stands as a shining example of bravery and determination that all Americans strive toward. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Master Chief Hospital Corpsman William Charette for his service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE
ASSEMBLYMAN VINCENT J.
GRABER, SR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of a legislator, colleague and friend, the Honorable Vincent J. Graber, Sr., who passed away on July 2, 2014.

Vince Graber was a public servant of the highest caliber and during his career was among the most effective lawmakers in the nation. Following his service on the West Seneca Town Board, Vince was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1974, displacing a Republican incumbent who, after election to the state senate, would go on to be a close friend, colleague and ally within the powerful Western New York legislative delegation. In time, Vince rose to chair the Assembly's Transportation Committee; this is where he made his most significant mark.

Vince led the way in New York and in the nation in authoring legislation designed to make it safer to be a passenger in a motor vehicle in the state of New York. From landmark legislation mandating the use of safety seats for children to authorship of the first-in-the-nation mandatory seat belt law, to legislation combating and reducing incidences of DWI, Vince Graber was a leader in transportation policymaking in the United States for better than a generation. It is not hyperbole to suggest that a great many Americans—thousands, to be sure—are alive today because of Vince's good work.

Vince eventually rose to leadership in the State Assembly, ending his career as Speaker Pro Tempore, where he presided over the daily sessions of the Assembly. In so doing, Vince encouraged and facilitated an orderly and urbane atmosphere within the Assembly chamber, a sometimes difficult task in a legislative body known for occasionally raucous debate.

I never served in the State Assembly with Vince, as his service predated my own service

in that legislative body by a few years. But I came to know Vince well, first as a local elected official, and later as Vince would visit my office as a government relations official following his years of public service. Vince Graber was always knowledgeable and always prepared, and gave those to whom he was responsible—his family, his constituents and, later, his clients—the very best he had to offer.

The son of the late Howard and Eileen Graber, Vince was a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and was the recipient of countless honors and awards throughout his long career. Vince leaves behind a large and loving extended family, including his wife Patricia, their ten children and their own families.

Mr. Speaker, our community, our state and, yes, this nation owes a great debt of gratitude to Vince Graber. His skill and his vision made New York a safer place for motorists, passengers and pedestrians. I was honored to call Vince Graber my friend, and I am similarly honored to remember and commemorate his many contributions here today.

TRIBUTE TO PETE GIANOPULOS

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a teacher, soldier, public servant, and community leader who for 90 years has lived and breathed the city of Taft, California. Born and raised in Taft, Pete Gianopulos has become well-known throughout the city as a passionate American and an active member of his community.

When the foundation of American resolve was tested by the Second World War, Pete answered the call of duty and served honorably with occupational forces near Hiro, Kure, and Hiroshima, Japan as part of the 41st Infantry Division in the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon. When he returned from the war, Pete completed undergraduate and graduate studies at Taft College and Fresno State College before continuing his graduate work at UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Bakersfield, and Fresno State. Upon returning to Taft, Pete began teaching at Lincoln Junior High School, and continued his educational career for 35 years as an Industrial Arts teacher, a counselor, and the Director of Guidance for the Taft Union High School District. Though he retired from teaching in 1986 after 36 years, his service to the education community only represents a portion of his public service.

Pete has served in multiple positions at local levels of government, including the Oildorado Committee, the Kern County Water District, the Kern View Community Mental Health Center Committee, the State of California Resource Agency, and the Department of Water Resources. Notably, he served on the Taft City Council in 1961, where only one year later, Pete Gianopulos became Taft's mayor, and served as such through 1966.

Today, Pete continues to serve as an active member of the community. As the founder,

host and producer of "Taft Heritage," a local television program supported by the West Kern Oil Museum and Taft High School, and an active writer for his column in the local paper titled "Remember When," Pete champions the message that there is always something to learn from the rich history of the city of Taft.

Pete's dedication and service to Taft has not gone unnoticed and next month, the Taft City Council will proclaim August 23, 2014 as "Pete Gianopulos Day." On that day, it is my hope that all the residents of Taft look to this man's history as a source of inspiration for what it means to be a citizen of the people. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Pete Gianopulos a very happy 90th birthday, and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the city of Taft.

HONORING KYLE MATTHEW OTA,
EAGLE SCOUT, BOY SCOUT
TROOP 611, SAN JOSE BUDDHIST
CHURCH BETSUIN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Kyle Matthew Ota, a member of Boy Scout Troop 611 at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin and one of my constituents, on achieving of the rank of Eagle Scout in April of 2014.

Kyle, the son of Pat and Dorothy Ota, began his scouting career as a member of Cub Scout Pack 611 at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, where he earned the Metta and Sangha awards, as well as the Arrow of Light. Rising through the ranks, Kyle served as patrol leader, troop quartermaster, dharma scribe, troop scribe, senior patrol leader, and den chief.

Kyle's Eagle Scout project reflects his longstanding commitment to the people of San Jose, and the residents of Japantown in particular. Yu-Ai Kai, a stellar community-based organization that promotes healthy aging, independent living, and high quality of life, provides multi-lingual community services, social interaction, and a sense of belonging to our elderly citizens. Seniors and their families frequently pass in front of Yu-Ai Kai's Akiyama Senior Wellness Center on Jackson Street while traversing beautiful Japantown, so Kyle constructed an outdoor bulletin board in front of the building. This board displays flyers, schedules, and other information that allows seniors to better understand and utilize the Akiyama's many life-improving offerings.

Kyle was a scholar-athlete at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, where he participated in varsity track and intramurals, earned entry into the honor roll and National Honor Society, and was awarded tuition assistance by the California Scholarship Federation. Kyle now attends San Diego State University, where the dedication to community service instilled in him by scouting continues to make his parents—and all of us in California's 19th District—very proud.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN FELLOWS IN THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate eight young Americans for their outstanding performance in the German Bundestag this summer as fellows in the prestigious International Parliamentary Scholarship.

Nathan Crist, Gaelen Strnat, Sheila Casserly, Cristina Burack, Betsy Crowder, Josef Nothmann, Joe Verbovszky, and Ian van Son have been fantastic representatives of the United States during their last five months working with a member of the Bundestag. They have learned about the German system of government and contributed to our strong bilateral ties. This experience promises to turbo-charge their future. IPS participants have gone on to serve as leaders in the public and private sectors around the world while maintaining close ties to Germany.

This prestigious program is a demonstration of the deep friendship the United States enjoys with the German people. I thank the Bundestag for hosting the fellows and I hope to see exchanges between our two countries, such as this one or the equally prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, continue for many years to come.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Slatington as they prepare to celebrate their 150th anniversary. That would be their sesquicentennial, Mr. Speaker.

The Borough of Slatington is located in northern Lehigh County and is in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District. As their Member of Congress, it is my honor to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of this proud event.

The story of Slatington's founding is a very American story. Like so many communities, it began as a farm settlement. Nicholas Kern and his family settled the area in 1741. Their extensive farmstead included a gristmill, sawmill and a tavern. They farmed the fertile soil along the Lehigh River. Another European settler, Ambrose Remaley also established himself in the area, holding land warrants in what is now the southern portion of present day Slatington.

Agriculture remained predominant in the area until three Welshmen, Owen Jones, William Roberts and Nelson LaBar made a significant discovery in 1844. The area was rich in slate—and so Slatington soon gained its name.

By 1847 the first school slate factory in the United States opened in the town. The discovery of slate and subsequent quarrying and production of slate products brought about

rapid growth. Slatington incorporated as a borough on September 7, 1864.

At its peak, the slate industry provided employment for 2,000 people. They worked in the quarries or they worked to produce curbing, roofing tiles, sidewalks and importantly, school blackboards and slates.

In fact, the specific type and color of the slate quarried in Slatington proved to be ideal for use in school blackboards. Slatington became known as the "blackboard capital of America." The blackboards and school slates produced in Slatington played an important role in helping educate children across the country in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Slatington's slate products weren't just shipped all over the United States—they were shipped and bought across the World.

Even as the slate industry began to fade as other materials became cheaper and because of new technologies, Slatington continued to thrive.

Its rich history is a source of pride for the community and for Lehigh County. For example, the Borough boasts the oldest Halloween Parade in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Part of Slatington is a National Register Historic District, and the Borough has two statues of Firemen listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Present day citizens of Slatington are justifiably proud of their past, especially on the advent of their 150th Anniversary. At the same time, they have their eye on the future and remain intent on assuring that Slatington remains a great place for people to live, work and raise families.

I ask the House and the Speaker to join me in celebrating their Borough's 150th Anniversary and wishing them continued happiness, harmony and success moving forward.

RECOGNIZING TYLER TODAY MAGAZINE FOR 25 YEARS SERVING THE TYLER COMMUNITY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tyler Today Magazine, the oldest and only local magazine dedicated solely to covering the events and people of Tyler, Texas. This publication recently celebrated 25 years of dedicated news service to its community.

As the representative of the 4th District of Texas, I had the privilege to represent Tyler for many years. It is a town rich with history, and Tyler Today accurately records and promotes the pride, passion, and personality of the people who make Tyler the remarkable and close-knit "Rose Capital."

I congratulate those who have contributed to Tyler Today Magazine's distinguished history, with best wishes for continued success.

CONGRATULATING ANNE FIROR SCOTT ON RECEIVING THE 2013 NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate North Carolina's Anne Firor Scott on receiving the 2013 National Humanities Medal. Dr. Scott is being cited "for pioneering the study of southern women. Through groundbreaking research spanning ideology, race, and class, Dr. Scott's uncharted exploration into the lives of southern women has established women's history as vital to our understanding of the American South." I have the privilege of personally knowing Dr. Scott, W.K. Boyd Professor of History Emerita at Duke, as a former academic colleague, constituent, and friend.

Raised in Montezuma, Georgia, Scott graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Georgia in 1941 before earning a master's degree in political science from Northwestern University in 1944 and a PhD from Harvard (Radcliffe College) in 1949.

Dr. Scott did not, however, immediately pursue an academic career. She held a job at International Business Machines (IBM) and briefly entered a graduate program for personnel managers. Scott notes that it was a United States Congressional internship, during which she had the opportunity to write speeches and listen to politicians talking, which had the greatest impact on her career. These experiences, she later wrote, "made me so painfully aware of my ignorance that I went back to school."

Following her master's and PhD work, Scott held temporary teaching appointments at Haverford College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before joining the history department at Duke University in 1961, where she stayed until her retirement in 1991. During her tenure at Duke, Dr. Scott became the first female chair of Duke's history department. In her autobiographical essay, "A Historian's Odyssey," Scott reviewed her own journals and realized that she began to do history by chance. But, she added, "If I came to history by indirection, my decision to study the history of women was not, in retrospect, accidental."

Having been inspired to study women reformers after working for the National League of Women Voters in the 1940s, Scott later helped found the field of U.S. women's history. Her groundbreaking research—spanning ideology, race, and class—and her uncharted exploration into the lives of southern women has established women's history as vital to our understanding of the American South. The Anne Firor Scott papers, which include correspondence, subject files and videos from 1963–2002, are held at Duke University.

Her endowment, the Anne Firor Scott Research Fund, established in 1987, continues to support students conducting innovative independent research in women's history. And the annual Lerner-Scott prize, an award which is jointly named for Dr. Scott and historian Gerda Lerner, is annually awarded to the writer of the best doctoral dissertation in U.S. women's history.

Dr. Scott's accomplishments and accolades are many, including the authorship of ten

books and more than twenty-five articles. Dr. Scott was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to the Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women in 1965. She has served as president of the Southern Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians, and on the advisory boards of the Schlesinger Library, the Princeton University department of history, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

She has been the recipient of many fellowships, prizes and honorary degrees, including a University Medal from Duke in 1994, a Berkshire Conference Prize in 1980, and honorary degrees from Queens College, Northwestern, Radcliffe and the University of the South. Scott received the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and the American Historical Association's Scholarly Achievement Award in 2008. In addition, Dr. Scott was the 1994 winner of the John Tyler Caldwell Award for the Humanities, which is the highest honor given by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

This year, Dr. Scott is one of ten winners to be honored with the 2013 National Humanities Medal, presented by President Barack Obama. The National Humanities Medal honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened our citizens' engagement with the humanities, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. Previous medalists include Pulitzer Prize winners Philip Roth and Marilynne Robinson, Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison, essayist Joan Didion, novelist John Updike, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, sociologist Robert Coles, poet John Ashbery, filmmaker Steven Spielberg, and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen.

As Jeffries Martin, chair of Duke's history department, has said, "Anne is not only an amazing scholar whose work did much to shape the field of women's history; she is also an amazing person, full of curiosity and insight about the world." I would add that she is a warm and generous person, mentor and friend to many, and a committed citizen—an effective voice for social justice and inclusion for decades. She is the model of the engaged scholar, and one who has contributed greatly to the "New South" to which we aspire. It is therefore with great satisfaction and admiration that I commend Anne Scott today for this wonderful, well-merited recognition.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article:

[From the New York Times, July 11, 2014]

THE CHILDREN OF THE DRUG WARS: A
REFUGEE CRISIS, NOT AN IMMIGRATION CRISIS

(By Sonia Nazario)

Cristian Omar Reyes, an 11-year-old sixth grader in the neighborhood of Nueva Suyapa, on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, tells me he has to get out of Honduras soon—"no matter what."

In March, his father was robbed and murdered by gangs while working as a security guard protecting a pastry truck. His mother used the life insurance payout to hire a smuggler to take her to Florida. She promised to send for him quickly, but she has not.

Three people he knows were murdered this year. Four others were gunned down on a nearby corner in the span of two weeks at the beginning of this year. A girl his age resisted being robbed of \$5. She was clubbed over the head and dragged off by two men who cut a hole in her throat, stuffed her panties in it, and left her body in a ravine across the street from Cristian's house.

"I'm going this year," he tells me.

I last went to Nueva Suyapa in 2003, to write about another boy, Luis Enrique Motiño Pineda, who had grown up there and left to find his mother in the United States. Children from Central America have been making that journey, often without their parents, for two decades. But lately something has changed, and the predictable flow has turned into an exodus. Three years ago, about 6,800 children were detained by United States immigration authorities and placed in federal custody; this year, as many as 90,000 children are expected to be picked up. Around a quarter come from Honduras—more than from anywhere else.

Children still leave Honduras to reunite with a parent, or for better educational and economic opportunities. But, as I learned when I returned to Nueva Suyapa last month, a vast majority of child migrants are fleeing not poverty, but violence. As a result, what the United States is seeing on its borders now is not an immigration crisis. It is a refugee crisis.

Gangs arrived in force in Honduras in the 1990s, as 18th Street and Mara Salvatrucha members were deported in large numbers from Los Angeles to Central America, joining homegrown groups like Los Puchos. But the dominance in the past few years of foreign drug cartels in Honduras, especially ones from Mexico, has increased the reach and viciousness of the violence. As the United States and Colombia spent billions of dollars to disrupt the movement of drugs up the Caribbean corridor, traffickers rerouted inland through Honduras, and 79 percent of cocaine-smuggling flights bound for the United States now pass through there.

Narco groups and gangs are vying for control over this turf, neighborhood by neighborhood, to gain more foot soldiers for drug sales and distribution, expand their customer base, and make money through extortion in a country left with an especially weak, corrupt government following a 2009 coup.

Enrique's 33-year-old sister, Belky, who still lives in Nueva Suyapa, says children began leaving en masse for the United States three years ago. That was around the time that the narcos started putting serious pressure on kids to work for them. At Cristian's school, older students working with the cartels push drugs on the younger ones—some as young as 6. If they agree, children are recruited to serve as lookouts, make deliveries in backpacks, rob people and extort businesses. They are given food, shoes and money in return. Later, they might work as traffickers or hit men.

Teachers at Cristian's school described a 12-year-old who demanded that the school release three students one day to help him distribute crack cocaine; he brandished a pistol and threatened to kill a teacher when she tried to question him.

At Nueva Suyapa's only public high school, narcos "recruit inside the school," says Yadir Saucedo, a counselor there. Until he was killed a few weeks ago, a 23-year-old "student" controlled the school. Each day,

he was checked by security at the door, then had someone sneak his gun to him over the school wall. Five students, mostly 12- and 13-year-olds, tearfully told Ms. Saucedo that the man had ordered them to use and distribute drugs or he would kill their parents. By March, one month into the new school year, 67 of 450 students had left the school.

Teachers must pay a "war tax" to teach in certain neighborhoods, and students must pay to attend.

Carlos Baquedano Sánchez, a slender 14-year-old with hair sticking straight up, explained how hard it was to stay away from the cartels. He lives in a shack made of corrugated tin in a neighborhood in Nueva Suyapa called El Infiernito—Little Hell—and usually doesn't have anything to eat one out of every three days. He started working in a dump when he was 7, picking out iron or copper to recycle, for \$1 or \$2 a day. But bigger boys often beat him to steal his haul, and he quit a year ago when an older man nearly killed him for a coveted car-engine piston. Now he sells scrap wood.

But all of this was nothing, he says, compared to the relentless pressure to join narco gangs and the constant danger they have brought to his life. When he was 9, he barely escaped from two narcos who were trying to rape him, while terrified neighbors looked on. When he was 10, he was pressured to try marijuana and crack. "You'll feel better. Like you are in the clouds," a teenager working with a gang told him. But he resisted.

He has known eight people who were murdered and seen three killed right in front of him. He saw a man shot three years ago and still remembers the plums the man was holding rolling down the street, coated in blood. Recently he witnessed two teenage hit men shooting a pair of brothers for refusing to hand over the keys and title to their motorcycle. Carlos hit the dirt and prayed. The killers calmly walked down the street. Carlos shrugs. "Now seeing someone dead is nothing."

He longs to be an engineer or mechanic, but he quit school after sixth grade, too poor and too afraid to attend. "A lot of kids know what can happen in school. So they leave."

He wants to go to the United States, even though he knows how dangerous the journey can be; a man in his neighborhood lost both legs after falling off the top of a Mexican freight train, and a family friend drowned in the Rio Grande. "I want to avoid drugs and death. The government can't pull up its pants and help people," he says angrily. "My country has lost its way."

Girls face particular dangers—one reason around 40 percent of children who arrived in the United States this year were girls, compared with 27 percent in the past. Recently three girls were raped and killed in Nueva Suyapa, one only 8 years old. Two 15-year-olds were abducted and raped. The kidnappers told them that if they didn't get in the car they would kill their entire families. Some parents no longer let their girls go to school for fear of their being kidnapped, says Luis López, an educator with Asociación Compartir, a nonprofit in Nueva Suyapa.

Milagro Noemi Martinez, a petite 19-year-old with clear green eyes, has been told repeatedly by narcos that she would be theirs—or end up dead. Last summer, she made her first attempt to reach the United States "Here there is only evil," she says. "It's better to leave than have them kill me here." She headed north with her 21-year-old sister, a friend who had also been threatened, and \$170 among them. But she was stopped and deported from Mexico. Now back in Nueva Suyapa, she stays locked inside her mother's house. "I hope God protects me. I am afraid to step outside." Last year, she

says, six minors, as young as 15, were killed in her neighborhood. Some were hacked apart. She plans to try the journey again soon. Asking for help from the police or the government is not an option in what some consider a failed state. The drugs that pass through Honduras each year are worth more than the country's entire gross domestic product. Narcos have bought off police officers, politicians and judges. In recent years, four out of five homicides were never investigated. No one is immune to the carnage. Several Honduran mayors have been killed. The sons of both the former head of the police department and the head of the national university were murdered, the latter, an investigation showed, by the police.

"You never call the cops. The cops themselves will retaliate and kill you," says Henry Carias Aguilar, a pastor in Nueva Suyapa. A majority of small businesses in Nueva Suyapa have shuttered because of extortion demands, while churches have doubled in number in the past decade, as people pray for salvation from what they see as the plague predicted in the Bible. Taxis and homes have signs on them asking God for mercy.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recently interviewed 404 children who had arrived in the United States from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico; 58 percent said their primary reason for leaving was violence. (A similar survey in 2006, of Central American children coming into Mexico, found that only 13 percent were fleeing violence.) They aren't just going to the United States: Less conflicted countries in Central America had a 712 percent increase in asylum claims between 2008 and 2013.

"If a house is burning, people will jump out the window," says Michelle Brané, director of the migrant rights and justice program at the Women's Refugee Commission.

To permanently stem this flow of children, we must address the complex root causes of violence in Honduras, as well as the demand for illegal drugs in the United States that is fueling that violence.

In the meantime, however, we must recognize this as a refugee crisis, as the United Nations just recommended. These children are facing threats similar to the forceful conscription of child soldiers by warlords in Sudan or during the civil war in Bosnia. Being forced to sell drugs by narcos is no different from being forced into military service.

Many Americans, myself included, believe in deporting unlawful immigrants, but see a different imperative with refugees.

The United States should immediately create emergency refugee centers inside our borders, tent cities—operated by the United Nations and other relief groups like the International Rescue Committee—where immigrant children could be held for 60 to 90 days instead of being released. The government would post immigration judges at these centers and adjudicate children's cases there.

To ensure this isn't a sham process, asylum officers and judges must be trained in child-sensitive interviewing techniques to help elicit information from fearful, traumatized youngsters. All children must also be represented by a volunteer or government-funded lawyer. Kids in Need of Defense, a nonprofit that recruits pro bono lawyers to represent immigrant children and whose board I serve on, estimates that 40 percent to 60 percent of these children potentially qualify to stay under current immigration laws—and do, if they have a lawyer by their side. The vast majority do not. The only way to ensure we are not hurtling children back to circumstances that could cost them their

lives is by providing them with real due process.

Judges, who currently deny seven in 10 applications for asylum by people who are in deportation proceedings, must better understand the conditions these children are facing. They should be more open to considering relief for those fleeing gang recruitment or threats by criminal organizations when they come from countries like Honduras that are clearly unwilling or unable to protect them.

If many children don't meet strict asylum criteria but face significant dangers if they return, the United States should consider allowing them to stay using humanitarian parole procedures we have employed in the past, for Cambodians and Haitians. It may be possible to transfer children and resettle them in other safe countries willing to share the burden. We should also make it easier for children to apply as refugees when they are still in Central America, as we have done for people in Iraq, Cuba, countries in the former Soviet Union, Vietnam and Haiti. Those who showed a well-founded fear of persecution wouldn't have to make the perilous journey north alone.

Of course, many migrant children come for economic reasons, and not because they fear for their lives. In those cases, they should quickly be deported if they have at least one parent in their country of origin. By deporting them directly from the refugee centers, the United States would discourage future non-refugees by showing that immigrants cannot be caught and released, and then avoid deportation by ignoring court orders to attend immigration hearings.

Instead of advocating such a humane, practical approach, the Obama administration wants to intercept and return children en route. On Tuesday the president asked for \$3.7 billion in emergency funding. Some money would be spent on new detention facilities and more immigration judges, but the main goal seems to be to strengthen border control and speed up deportations. He also asked Congress to grant powers that could eliminate legal protections for children from Central America in order to expedite removals, a change that Republicans in Congress have also advocated.

This would allow life-or-death decisions to be made within hours by Homeland Security officials, even though studies have shown that border patrol agents fail to adequately screen Mexican children to see if they are being sexually exploited by traffickers or fear persecution, as the agents are supposed to do. Why would they start asking Central American children key questions needed to prove refugee status?

The United States expects other countries to take in hundreds of thousands of refugees on humanitarian grounds. Countries neighboring Syria have absorbed nearly 3 million people. Jordan has accepted in two days what the United States has received in an entire month during the height of this immigration flow—more than 9,000 children in May. The United States should also increase to pre-9/11 levels the number of refugees we accept to 90,000 from the current 70,000 per year and, unlike in recent years, actually admit that many.

By sending these children away, "you are handing them a death sentence," says José Arnulfo Ochoa Ochoa, an expert in Honduras with World Vision International, a Christian humanitarian aid group. This abrogates international conventions we have signed and undermines our credibility as a humane country. It would be a disgrace if this wealthy nation turned its back on the 52,000 children who have arrived since October, many of them legitimate refugees.

This is not how a great nation treats children.

HONORING DAVE DOBILL FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dave Dobill, who will be retiring at the end of this year after over 29 years as County Clerk for Franklin County, Illinois.

Dave Dobill began his service to the people of Franklin County in 1979 as Supervisor of Assessments. In June of 1985 he was appointed to the position of County Clerk and was elected to that position for the first time in 1986. He has held this office continually ever since.

Dave is not only one of the longest-serving county officials in Illinois, but he is well known among his peers as a knowledgeable leader willing to help his constituents and his colleagues. Dave is one of the foremost experts in property tax law in the State of Illinois and has assisted numerous colleagues and officials understanding the law to ensure fair and lawful taxation. He has also been a leader in election administration, having modernized the election process in Franklin County to an electronic voting system long before the Help America Vote Act mandated such improvements.

Dave has earned the respect of his peers and was recognized for his professional accomplishments last year when he was named the State of Illinois County Clerk/Recorder of the Year at the Illinois Association of County Clerks/Recorders fall conference.

Known as the "go-to guy" in Franklin County, Dave has not limited his community service to his official duties as County Clerk. The community and fraternal organizations that have benefited from Dave's involvement have included: the Franklin County Tourism Bureau, Six Mile Democratic Club, Benton Chamber of Commerce, Royalton Jaycees and Little League, Zeigler Rotary and Eagles and West Frankfort Moose.

Dave is also very active in his church, St. Aloysius, and has served as treasurer of the St. Aloysius Men's Club.

Dave and his wife, Dixie, had two children and have one grandchild. Dave looks forward to spending more time with his family, and more time engaging in his favorite pastime, fishing. The fish in Rend Lake and around Southern Illinois have reason to be worried as Dave approaches retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dave Dobill well and thanking him for a lifetime of service to the people of Southern Illinois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on July 28, 2014. I was visiting the Savannah

River Site in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina with Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and National Nuclear Security Administrator Frank Klotz where I appreciate their recognition of the dedicated professionals at the site promoting vital missions. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present if the flight from Columbia had not been delayed.

Roll Number 455—H.R. 935—To amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes—“aye.”

Roll 456—H.R. 3202—Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act—“aye.”

Roll 457—H.R. 3107—Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act—“aye.”

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,611,454,807,678.76. We've added \$6,984,577,758,765.68 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER AND OPPOSITION LEADER MÁRIA CORINA MACHADO

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an individual who, at great risk to her own life and safety, has been standing up for democracy and freedom in Venezuela. María Corina Machado, a Member of the National Assembly and a leader of the opposition, has taken a courageous stand against the repressive regime of President Nicolás Maduro, speaking out on behalf of those whose voices have been silenced by fear of arrest or violence.

Since the death of former President Hugo Chavez, the Maduro regime has maintained Venezuela on the path of suppressing democracy, silencing protest, preventing press freedom, and intimidating political opponents like Ms. Machado. In one instance, Maduro supporters physically assaulted opposition Members in the National Assembly chamber, and Ms. Machado was beaten and had her nose broken. None of the perpetrators were brought to justice.

Over the past several months, Venezuela has seen a number of mass protests by those

seeking greater democracy. These are not part of a ‘coup d’etat,’ as President Maduro has alleged, but a result of his oppressive regime. The Venezuelan people deserve the chance to build a free and democratic nation and choose their own future course, free from fear. As democracy continues to come under assault by the Maduro regime, Americans will continue to look to Venezuela with a deep concern for the safety of its people and solidarity with those seeking to restore their freedom.

Mária Corina Machado has helped draw international attention to the ongoing repression in her country, and for her work she will be honored by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems with its annual Charles T. Manatt Democracy Award on October 1. This annual award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing freedom and democratic values in their nations and around the world.

I will continue to monitor the situation in Venezuela closely, and I will continue to highlight the work of courageous pro-democracy activists like Ms. Machado, who have faced death threats and been accused of treason by the ruling regime. The United States is watching what takes place in Venezuela with great interest, and Congress will be paying particular attention to the safety and security of Ms. Machado and other opposition figures who have dared to speak out for the rights of the Venezuelan people.

I congratulate Ms. Machado on being chosen for the Charles T. Manatt Democracy Award, and I stand with her and other peaceful supporters of democratic reform as they seek to build a brighter future for all Venezuelans.

HONORING EMMITT AND PAT SMITH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emmitt and Pat Smith, the recipients of the Congressional Award Foundation's 2014 Horizon Award.

The Horizon Award is bestowed upon individuals who have made a significant commitment to expanding opportunities for all Americans through personal contributions. Emmitt and Pat Smith, exemplify the virtues of integrity, respect, accountability and character embodied by this award. Through their philanthropic activities, they have inspired young people throughout North Texas to reach for their dreams and to do the seemingly impossible.

The Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities create and fund unique educational experiences and enrichment opportunities for underprivileged youth. Because of their sacrifices and humanitarian efforts, these deserving children are given the opportunity to attend the most prestigious learning institutions throughout the city of Dallas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Emmitt and Pat Smith's selfless contributions to the City of Dallas and communities beyond. Because of their partnership,

the City of Dallas is better; our nation is better; and our future is brighter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, 2014, I was unable to be present for all votes due to my attendance at a graduation ceremony at Fort Hood, TX.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following votes: H.R. 935, Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act—“aye”; H.R. 3202, Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment—“aye”; and H.R. 3107, Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act—“aye.”

HONORING BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bluegrass Community and Technical College, located in Lexington, Kentucky, on the celebration of its 75th anniversary.

Since its establishment 75 years ago, the Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) has set an example of excellence for central Kentucky and provided Kentucky's youth with strong higher education programs.

As the largest two-year institution in the State, BCTC offers daytime, evening and weekend classes at six convenient locations and online. With more than 11,500 students, BCTC has recently expanded to its third campus in Lexington—the Newtown campus—to accommodate its continued growth. The Bluegrass Community and Technical College is specifically designed to promote the advancement of academic achievements in young people. The BCTC education encourages students to achieve success at their own pace and to explore various technical programs to help further their careers.

BCTC's recent expansion is a testament to its continued success in the educational community and the positive impact it is making on students and employers across our Commonwealth. I commend BCTC for its dedication to education and community outreach, and I know that its varied educational services will continue to serve the people of our great district for years to come.

RECOGNIZING ISMAEL “SMILEY” CORDOVA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of New Mexico resident, and businessman Ismael “Smiley” Cordova.

Ismael "Smiley" Cordova was born on May 17, 1935 in Los Chavez, New Mexico. He would go on to accomplish many things in his life, but was best known for founding Belen Consumer Finance, which he owned and managed for over 25 years, providing loan services for the citizens of Belen and its surrounding area.

When he wasn't helping locals qualify for loans at work he was contributing in other ways. Ismael proudly served in the United States Army National Guard, was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, the Valencia County Sheriff's Posse, and an avid parishioner at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church.

More than that, Ismael was a devoted husband and father. Together, Ismael and his wife Kandy made a dynamic duo full of life, knowledge and exuberant warmth to a community that they loved dearly. A savvy businessman and spirited legislator they inspired everyone who had the opportunity to share their company. Ismael loved his four beloved children whom he kept close to his heart and the family gatherings where everyone would reminisce on the amazing experiences growing up in Los Chavez.

A successful businessman, loving father and husband—Ismael was indeed a caring man of faith and courage. His character, love of family, charisma and selflessness were felt by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with family, friends and everyone who has experienced Ismael's generosity and compassion. May the memory of Ismael live on in our hearts.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF A DIVIDED CYPRUS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the heels of the 40th anniversary of a divided Cyprus. A division that has left both Turkish and Greek Cypriots bogged down in an unacceptable status quo that continues to impede economic and social progress on the island. Until these differences are resolved, all Cypriots will feel the negative effects of this division and Cyprus will be unable to realize its full potential in the international community.

This past February represented a significant shift in the deadlock when both Cypriot leaders resumed long stalled negotiations and issued a joint statement outlining principles the two sides will use to work toward a reunification of Cyprus. Both sides have met regularly since this announcement and real progress is being made. That said, many controversial issues remain and the path forward will be a difficult one. This makes it even more important that the United States Congress, the Administration, the United Nations, Turkey, Greece, and other stakeholders remain engaged and continue to encourage expeditious, good faith negotiations on both sides.

I believe these negotiations represent a historic opportunity to put all Cypriots on a path to peace and prosperity. During this process, it's important that all parties remain focused on the future of Cyprus and refrain from inflammatory dialogue that only serves to derail

progress. A comprehensive settlement is within reach and I would encourage my colleagues to support this effort.

ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS IN MOSUL, IRAQ DESTROYED BY ISIS TERRORISTS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following list of Christian churches and institutions in Mosul, Iraq, that have been destroyed by "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" (ISIS) since the Islamist terrorist group captured the city on June 10. According to the Assyrian International News Agency, all of the 45 Christian sites in Mosul have been destroyed, occupied, converted to mosques, converted to ISIS headquarters or otherwise shuttered.

The following is the full list of destroyed Christian sites compiled by the Assyrian International News Agency, grouped by denomination:

SYRIAC CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Syrian Catholic Diocese—Maidan Neighborhood, Mosul
2. The Old Church of the Immaculate—Maidan Neighborhood, Mosul (The church goes back to the eighth century AD)
3. The New Church of the Immaculate—Maidan Neighborhood
4. Church of Mar (Saint) Toma—Khazraj Neighborhood
5. Museum of Mar (Saint) Toma—Khazraj Neighborhood
6. Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation—Muhandiseen Neighborhood
7. Church of the Virgin of Fatima—Faisaliah Neighborhood
8. Our Lady of Deliverance Chapel—Shifaa Neighborhood
9. The House of the Young Sisters of Jesus—Ras Al-Kour Neighborhood
10. Archbishop's Palace Chapel—Dawasa Neighborhood

SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese—Shurta Neighborhood
2. The Antiquarian Church of Saint Ahodeeni—Bab AlJadeed Neighborhood
3. Mar (Saint) Toma Church and cemetery, (the old Bishopric)—Khazraj Neighborhood
4. Church of The Immaculate (Castle)—Maidan Neighborhood
5. Church of The Immaculate—Shifaa Neighborhood
6. Mar (Saint) Aprim Church—Shurta Neighborhood
7. St. Joseph Church—The New Mosul Neighborhood

HOLY APOSTOLIC CATHOLIC ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST

1. Diocese of the Assyrian Church of the East—Noor Neighborhood
2. Assyrian Church of the East, Dawasa Neighborhood
3. Church of the Virgin Mary (old rite)—Wihda Neighborhood

CHALDEAN CHURCH OF BABYLON

1. Chaldean Diocese—Shurta Neighborhood
2. Miskinta Church—Mayassa Neighborhood
3. The Antiquarian Church of Shimon alSafa—Mayassa Neighborhood
4. Church of Mar (Saint) Buthyoon—Shahar AlSouq Neighborhood

5. Church of St. Ephrem, Wady AlAin Neighborhood

6. Church of St. Paul—Majmooaa AlThaqafiya District

7. The Old Church of the Immaculate (with the bombed archdiocese)—Shifaa Neighborhood

8. Church of the Holy Spirit—Bakir Neighborhood

9. Church of the Virgin Mary—Drakziliya Neighborhood

10. Ancient Church of Saint Isaiah and Cemetery—Ras AlKour Neighborhood

11. Mother of Aid Church—Dawasa Neighborhood

12. The Antiquarian Church of St. George—Khazraj Neighborhood

13. St. George Monastery with Cemetery—Arab Neighborhood

14. Monastery of AlNasir (Victory)—Arab Neighborhood

15. Convent of the Chaldean Nuns—Mayassa Neighborhood

16. Monastery of St. Michael—Hawi Church Neighborhood

17. The Antiquarian Monastery of St. Elijah—Ghazlany Neighborhood

ARMENIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. Armenian Church—Maidan Neighborhood

2. The New Armenian Church—Wihda Neighborhood

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1. Evangelical Presbyterian Church—Mayassa Neighborhood

LATIN CHURCH

1. Latin Church and Monastery of the Dominican Fathers and Convent of Katrina Siena Nuns—Sa'a Neighborhood

2. Convent of the Dominican Sisters—Mosul AlJadeed Neighborhood

3. Convent of the Dominican Sisters (AlKilma Monastery)—Majmooaa AlThaqafiya District

4. House of Qasada AlRasouliya (Apostolic Aim) (Institute of St John the Beloved)

CEMETERIES

1. Christian Cemetery in the Ekab Valley which contains a small chapel.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELIZABETH PARKER

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Elizabeth Parker of Harding Township, New Jersey for her distinguished career in journalism and to congratulate her on receiving the esteemed Emma C. McKinney Award from the National Newspaper Association. Liz has been an important presence in the media for over 30 years, providing readers an insightful digest of news and thoughtful commentary that has helped shape the community.

Liz has spent much of her career with the Recorder Community Newspapers, a premier outlet for New Jersey news and opinion. There she rose to the position of Editor, where under her leadership the Recorder's reach soon extended to 17 weekly newspapers serving the diverse constituencies of Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon and Essex Counties. She now serves as Co-Publisher and Executive Editor of the New Jersey Hills Media Group.

Liz's leadership has been recognized nationally, most notably with her selection as

President of the National Newspaper Association in 2010. She became only the fourth woman and second New Jersey in its 129-year history to lead the institution representing the interests of community newspapers. She also previously served as President of the New Jersey Press Association.

Her passion for her community extends beyond the newsroom with her service on the boards for the Morris County Habitat for Humanity, Morristown Festival of Books and membership in the Rotary Club of Madison.

I congratulate Elizabeth Parker on this well-deserved honor and thank her for the many years of dedicated public service to journalism in New Jersey and indeed the Nation.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—THE NFL IS OUT OF BOUNDS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, abuse is never okay. It can never be justified, defended or explained. However, the message that the NFL sent last week says otherwise.

Recently, a video emerged of Baltimore Ravens' running back, Ray Rice, dragging his unconscious then-fiancée out of an elevator after allegedly punching her in the face several times.

Rice was charged with third-degree aggravated assault. However, prosecutors later dropped the charge after a plea deal was reached. But what is equally as troubling and disturbing is how the NFL chose to handle the situation.

The league suspended Rice for two games. This pathetic punishment is just a mere slap on the wrist. The NFL has issued harsher punishments for "offenses" such as eating unapproved foods or taking fertility drugs without approval.

For better or for worse, our society idolizes its athletes. In 2013, over 108 million Americans watched Rice help the Ravens win the Super Bowl. Thousands of young Americans wore Rice's jersey with pride. After this decision, would a high school athlete think twice before pushing around his girlfriend? Would the abused girlfriend even bother to come forward?

Sadly, the NFL seems to be more concerned with protecting its image than taking a stand and sending a strong message that violence against women will not be tolerated.

Ravens' head coach, John Harbaugh, called the attack, a "mistake."

Mr. Speaker, a mistake implies an accident. Punching your fiancée until she becomes unconscious is no accident nor should it be treated that way.

Our society has come a long way; domestic violence was once seen as a "family issue," not spoken of outside of the home. We have made some progress, but the NFL's actions show we still have a long way to go.

Those who commit violence against women—yes, even star football players—cannot get away with it. With the NFL's decision, another one just did. Abuse is never okay.

NFL greed, stardom and fame scores points over justice.

And that's just the way it is.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VA BONUS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, today Dr. DAN BENISHEK and I will introduce the VA Bonus Accountability Act. This bipartisan legislation claws back bonuses fraudulently paid to VA employees who manipulated wait times data.

The revelations that veterans at the Phoenix VA, and veterans at other VA facilities across the country, were placed on secret lists and had to wait months before seeing a doctor are immoral and un-American. That veterans who served our country honorably may have died while waiting for care is unconscionable. Those responsible for this disaster must be held accountable.

Ongoing audits by the VA and the VA Office of Inspector General reveal systemic problems with wait times, with the scheduling process, and with the honesty and integrity of the system. Evidence from multiple VA facilities shows intentional and systemic manipulation occurred to cover up long wait times and veteran deaths. Despite this misconduct and administrative failures, thousands of VA employees received bonuses for their performance.

In 2013, the VA awarded more than \$380,000 in bonuses to executives and directors at 38 VA hospitals where investigations were ongoing regarding increased delays in patient care and potential falsification of appointment records. Last year in total, the VA gave out \$2.7 million in extra pay to its top ranking officials.

Over the last three years, the Phoenix VA, ground zero for the VA scandal, paid out almost \$10 million in bonuses to its employees. All of this as patient wait times increased, data was intentionally manipulated, and whistleblowers were ignored or punished.

Our legislation requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, based on the findings of the VA Office of Inspector General and after notice and opportunity for a hearing, to order employees who contributed to the purposeful omission of veterans from electronic wait lists, and received a bonus in part because of such omission, to repay the bonus.

The first priority of the VA and Congress must be providing our veterans the care they need. Many dedicated VA employees, many of them veterans themselves, work tirelessly to provide the best care to our veterans, but they are limited by this broken system, which is failing millions of our veterans.

If we are going to change the culture at the VA so that veterans truly come first, we must also hold accountable those who intentionally manipulated wait times data and received bonuses based on this fraudulent data.

We urge our colleagues to cosponsor our legislation to bring accountability and change the corrosive culture at the VA.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "CLEARANCE AND OVER-CLASSIFICATION REFORM AND REDUCTION ACT" OR "CORRECT ACT"

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation today titled the "Clearance and Over-Classification Reform and Reduction Act" or "CORRECT Act."

The CORRECT Act recognizes that the massive proliferation of original and derivative classified material and the exponential growth in the number of individuals with security clearances present significant homeland security and national security challenges that warrant timely action. In addition to the high costs incurred by the Federal government to investigate an unnecessarily large number of individuals for positions requiring security clearances, over-designations have undoubtedly resulted in the Federal government recruiting, hiring, and paying individuals at rates that are higher than necessary and not hiring individuals who otherwise have the required knowledge and skills.

The CORRECT Act amends the existing Reducing Over-Classification Act by (1) requiring the President to establish a goal for the reduction of classified information by not less than 10 percent within five years through improved declassification and improved original and derivative classification decision-making; (2) creating standardized sampling techniques for use by Federal departments and agencies conducting self-inspections to assess their progress at improving classification decision-making within their organizations; (3) creating annual training to each employee with original classification authority; and (4) requiring the Inspector General of each department or agency to report on the progress of each respective department or agency with respect to implementation of the Reducing Over-Classification Act as well as the President's 10 percent classified information reduction goal.

The CORRECT Act also includes a sense of Congress that a position should only be designated as requiring a security clearance when it requires access to classified information, presents a risk of a material, adverse effect on the national security, or is a position of public trust for any agency that has the authority to issue security clearances.

Additionally, the CORRECT Act sets forth specific reforms at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to make it a leader among Federal agencies with respect to security clearance practices. The reforms at DHS are targeted at the designation, investigation, adjudication, denial, suspension, revocation, and appeals processes. In particular, to increase transparency and improve performance among investigation service providers, including Office of Personnel Management, it requires the DHS Secretary to publish on the Department's website an annual Department-wide satisfaction survey. If a pattern of performance problems with a particular investigation service provider emerges, the DHS Chief Security Officer is required to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding corrective action, including suspension or cancelation of services.

I urge support of this commonsense legislation.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF TERRY
SCHNELL AND CAPTAIN KURT
IRELAND

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the decorated careers of Chief Terry Schnell and Captain Kurt Ireland of the Olean Police Department. Longtime members of the department, Chief Schnell and Captain Ireland have a combined 68 years of dedicated service to the Olean community.

Terry Schnell joined the Olean Police Department in 1982 and rose to the rank of chief in 2006. Throughout his 32-year career, Chief Schnell earned the trust and respect of his fellow officers, city leaders, and citizens. During his time with the Olean Police Department, Chief Schnell completed training at the FBI Academy, learning advanced skills and strategies that have positively benefited the department. Throughout his tenure as chief, Mr. Schnell repeatedly fought to secure necessary funding and support for the police department. His career exemplifies the values outlined in the department's mission statement, serving with "integrity, common sense, and sound judgment."

Kurt Ireland joined the Olean Police Department in 1977. He spent the majority of his 36-year career with the department's patrol division, earning promotions to sergeant in 1993 and captain in 1998. While holding these leadership positions, Captain Ireland managed the daily operations of his unit and established department procedures. Captain Ireland was a responsible, dedicated, and hard-working officer who served his community with the highest level of integrity.

I congratulate Chief Terry Schnell and Captain Kurt Ireland on their retirement from the Olean Police Department. We owe these men a debt of gratitude for their combined 68 years of service to the Olean community. Their impressive careers in law enforcement and numerous contributions to our community improved quality of life and made Olean a safer place to live.

HONORING ANGELA EVANS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the contributions of a respected and long-serving public servant, Angela Evans. This remarkable woman merits our recognition and gratitude for her dedication and commitment to public service, serving more than 35 years at the Congressional Research Service (CRS)—the Legislative Branch agency created by the U.S. Congress to serve as its primary source for policy research and analysis.

Angela Evans began her career at CRS in 1971 as an analyst working on welfare reform, health care finance, education and training,

and budget reform. She quickly advanced in her management and policy roles, as she displayed a unique talent for advancing the mission of CRS, as well as strategically examining how the agency's role may evolve in the future. By 1982, she was serving as the Section Head for the Education and Public Welfare Division, where she secured the House and Senate Appropriations Committees as first-time clients for CRS. Additionally, in her role as Section Head she began the first formal student intern program, which was then adopted agency-wide.

In 1994, she was hand picked by the Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington, to be the Head of Congressional Relations and to assist with Deputy Librarian duties for the 1994 calendar year. Her leadership in these two roles led to the inauguration of the "THOMAS" website for the Library. Additionally she led the team that developed the "Legislative Information System," or LIS, which was the first integrated confidential website for the Congress. For the next two years, as Acting Assistant Director for the Research at CRS, she achieved Senior Specialist status, the highest research position in CRS at the time, for her research undertaken on the social sciences. She also led efforts to evaluate all CRS research projects, resulting in the establishment of formal standards of quality and analytic rigor that are still in place today.

Beginning in 1996, and for the last 13 years of her time at CRS, she served as the Deputy Director of CRS. She was the first woman to hold this position—a feat worth recognizing on its own. Here she oversaw all facets of research, scholarship, development, and operations at CRS. She personally developed, managed, and supported organizational efforts to build and sustain relationships with Members of Congress, with policy and public administration scholars, university administrators, and with foundations. She believed in the mission of the agency and strived every day to exceed the goals and expectations set before her. Angela Evans led major organizational changes that not only enhanced the research capacity of CRS, but also improved the effectiveness of critical operations. Among her many achievements was developing the first agency-wide research framework used to identify public policy challenges, guide interdisciplinary research on these challenges, and assess the quality of the research. She also led the first agency-wide reorganization in 30 years, where a more streamlined structure was established to support interdisciplinary collaboration across research areas and professional disciplines to better serve Congress. These are just several examples of many contributions that Angela Evans made during her time at CRS that we are still seeing the direct impact of today. Her dedication, leadership, and commitment were recognized by CRS in 2009, when she was honored with the Distinguished Service Award.

Her public service did not end when she retired from the agency in 2009. She continues to serve the public now as a Clinical Professor in Public Policy Practice at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. There, she has already received a variety of accolades from her students, fellow faculty, and alumni, including: the Best New Professor, 2010; the Most Valuable Class, 2011 and 2012; an alumni Texas Exes Teaching Award, 2012; and the Most Helpful

Professor to Students each year 2010 through 2014. Angela Evans also continues to play essential roles in national organizations which focus on continuing the advancement of public service in this country. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and has served on its Nominating Committee and the Business Model Task Force. She is also the current President of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) and serves on the Executive Committee of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

As 2014 marks the 100-year anniversary of CRS, it is only fitting that we recognize Angela Evans for her great contributions to the advancement of public service. I commend her for her lifetime commitment to this challenge and am pleased to recognize her achievements.

TRIBUTE TO ALBERT CLYDE
MCDONALD

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute on the passing of a gracious and wonderful man who made a significant impact on his state, his community and his family. A man I was proud to call my father-in-law, Albert Clyde McDonald.

He was the kind of man who some may call old-fashioned with his quiet dedication to service—service to God, his family, his land, and his state.

Albert McDonald passed from this life on July 6, 2014 at his home in the Huntsville area, surrounded by his beloved family.

He was born in Dayton, Tennessee to Clyde McDonald and Nahoma Welch McDonald. He was preceded in death by both his parents and his siblings, Malcolm Rhea McDonald and Mary Lynn Goodwin.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shirley Shields McDonald; and four children, Mark Russell McDonald, Stan (Mabel) McDonald, Caroline McDonald Aderholt, and Leah McDonald Engler. Also, he is survived by fourteen grandchildren, Dr. Matthew McDonald, Carter McDonald, Lewis McDonald, Locker McDonald, Lloyd McDonald, Mary Eleanor McDonald, Melissa Suzanne McDonald, Luke McDonald, Manie McDonald, Christian Rutherford, Mary Elliott Aderholt, Robert Hayes Aderholt, Bruce Erich Engler, and Anna Kate Engler.

After graduating from Auburn University in 1953, Commissioner McDonald made his home in North Alabama, planting cotton, soybeans, and grain on his family farm in the Huntsville area. He was a member of various agriculture-related organizations, such as the National Cotton Council, and served on the Cotton Incorporated Executive Committee, and as President of the Southern Cotton Growers Incorporated.

Recognizing that he could play a role in representing agriculture because of his talents and farming experience, Albert McDonald launched his political career in 1974. He served two terms in Alabama State Senate. During his second term, Albert served as chairman of the Senate Rules Committee.

Then, in 1982, he ran for and was elected to serve as Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries for the State of Alabama and was re-elected to serve a second term in 1986. In 1991, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to be the Executive Director of the Alabama Farm Services Administration. Beginning in 1995, he was appointed by the Huntsville City Council to serve on the governing board of Huntsville Hospital, and was appointed by Alabama Governor Fob James to serve on the Auburn University Board of Trustees in 1996.

Sometimes, he was a man of few words. However, when Albert McDonald spoke, people listened. He was a leader and statesman in every sense of the word, as well as my father-in-law. He will be missed by so many at home and across the state. I can only imagine that he was welcomed to heaven with those sweet words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

TRIBUTE TO DARRELL G. RICE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Darrell G. Rice, a dedicated firefighter, community member and friend who passed away on April 22, 2014. As a pillar of the community, he will be deeply missed.

By the nature of their jobs, firefighters must be committed individuals willing to put their lives in harm's way for the safety of their communities and for the protection of life and property for those surrounding them. Darrell Rice not only fulfilled these responsibilities, but often went above and beyond the call of duty throughout his twenty-two years of service. Darrell took on the challenges of this position with full knowledge of the inherent dangers he would have to face daily. This willingness to accept a responsibility of such magnitude speaks to Darrell's courage and dedication.

Day in and day out, Darrell faithfully represented his department and acted as a refreshing inspiration to all who surrounded him. As a strong believer in teamwork, Darrell would continually provide encouragement to all staff. Darrell was successful in spreading this sentiment throughout the community as well during his time in his final assignment as an inspector. Working with the Fire Prevention Division's Petroleum Chemical Unit, Darrell worked with businesses to ensure their safety for the public, and understood the responsibility of his job.

As such a dedicated individual, Darrell will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic and charismatic leadership. I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to Darrell's family and friends, most especially to his wife, Phyllis, and his daughter, Candace, of Corona, California. Although Darrell may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the community remains and will never be forgotten.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRIORITIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Human Trafficking Prioritization Act, which will bolster America's efforts to prevent human trafficking.

I want to commend Chairman ROYCE and Representative CHRIS SMITH for bringing this measure forward.

Despite international condemnation, trafficking in persons is still a prolific violation of human rights that affects people in every country, including the United States.

This transnational crime exploits the most vulnerable and often subjects the victims to mental and physical abuse.

The United States has responded to this widespread human rights violation by creating in the State Department the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, which focuses on the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking, and the protection of its victims.

This legislation would further strengthen U.S. anti-trafficking policies by designating this office as a bureau with direct access to the Secretary of State, all without expanding the role of the Federal government.

A vote for this legislation is a vote in favor of prioritizing the protection of human dignity.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAULETTE BROOKS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Paulette Brooks, of Holden, Massachusetts, who passed away suddenly on July 24th, and to offer my sincere condolences to her family, friends and colleagues. Ms. Brooks was a devoted civil servant at the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman. Her untimely death leaves a great loss in the Department and in the world of immigration expertise. Her legacy is one of tireless, innovative and distinctive service to thousands of American citizens, their families and immigrants that include the most vulnerable among us.

Ms. Brooks completed law school after raising a family while a widow. She then offered pro bono legal services in her community and rose to serve the CIS Ombudsman with distinction in customer service excellence and legal acumen. She served as an expert in Child Status Protection Act matters, Violence Against Women Act protection cases and in assisting members of the military with immigration or naturalization matters impacting the soldier or his or her family. Ms. Brooks also wrote definitive recommendations for the Department that will serve a wide range of stakeholders for years to come.

On volunteer time, she led federal workplace charitable initiatives such as Feds Feed

Families and the Combined Federal Campaign. She garnered the President's Award for exceeding Departmental fundraising goals with her infectious enthusiasm and innovation in inspiring others to participate in and enjoy giving. In addition, she served numerous charities in the New England region. Her colleagues at DHS will remember her love of service and learning; her passion for public service; and her integrity, good humor, justice, common sense, transparency and excellence in all she did.

I know my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the life of Paulette Brooks and offering our deepest sympathies to those who knew and loved her.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTORE OPPORTUNITY, STRENGTHEN, AND IMPROVE THE ECONOMY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Restore Opportunity, Strengthen, and Improve the Economy (ROSIE) Act. Millions of workers are part of the "federally dependent workforce" and hold low-wage jobs with federal contractors. Seventy percent of these workers are women and 45 percent are people of color. With so many workers dependent on federal contracts, the federal government has the ability to use its purchasing power to incentivize private-sector firms to create good jobs for American workers, rebuild the middle class, address income inequality, and invigorate the economy by increasing the purchasing power of working Americans.

Under the bill, Congress finds that the disappearance of good jobs, the shrinking of the middle class, and growing income inequality are the greatest domestic challenges confronting our nation. The federal government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the nation's private-sector economy, spending over \$1.5 trillion annually at firms that employ a quarter of American workers. Federal purchasing power is currently creating millions of poverty-level jobs, subsidizing labor-law-breakers, and funding ballooning executive compensation.

The bill also notes that the federal government is our nation's leading creator of low-wage jobs in the private sector, funding more than two-million jobs paying under 12 dollars per hour. The federal government awards taxpayer dollars to a substantial number of firms that violate federal labor, employment and occupational safety laws, and its purchasing subsidizes the excessive salaries of private-sector executives who do business with the American people. When federal purchasing power is used in such a manner, workers have less to spend on the necessities of life and are forced to rely on public assistance. Lack of purchasing power hurts job creation and undermines economic growth, ultimately imposing significant costs on American taxpayers.

Federal purchasing power can and should be used to create good jobs, rebuild the middle class, and curb rising income inequality. These good jobs would allow workers and their families to live in dignity without relying

on public assistance or private charity, and would pay enough to provide for subsistence, healthcare, education, housing and savings, as well as enough disposable income to allow workers to enjoy quality time off with their loved ones. Federal purchasing power can and should be used to rebuild the middle class. A strong middle class stimulates the economy by increasing consumer spending and job growth. Federal purchasing power can and should be used to narrow the growing gulf between the richest one percent of the population and ordinary working families, which is threatening the survival of our participatory democracy.

The bill directs the Secretary of Labor to promulgate regulations implementing Good Jobs Model Employer Standards. Under these standards, whenever an executive agency awards a contract for the acquisition of supplies or services, it shall not award the contract to a source that is not a Good Jobs Model Employer, unless there is no offer from a source that is a model employer. An executive agency could not provide other forms of financial or nonfinancial assistance to entities that are not model employers when there is a similarly situated Good Jobs Model Employer that could receive the assistance, unless doing so would substantially undermine the value of the assistance to the public. These provisions do not apply to direct federal statutory requirements, mandatory awards, direct awards to foreign governments or public international organizations, benefits to an individual as a personal entitlement, or federal employment.

The bill defines a Good Jobs Model Employer as an employer that meets the following standards: (1) respects employees' rights to bargain collectively with their employers without being forced to take strike action to win better wages and working conditions; (2) offers to each employee living wages, decent benefits including health care, paid leave for sickness and caregiving, and fair work schedules that are predictable and stable; (3) affirmatively demonstrates an exemplary standard of compliance with workplace protection laws, including laws governing labor relations, wages and hours and health and safety, as well as other applicable labor laws; (4) limits executive compensation to fifty times the median salary paid to the company's workers; (5) employs a workforce not less than 35 percent of which reside within one or more Historically Underutilized Business Zones; and (6) subcontracts only with other Good Jobs Model Employers.

This bill is just one step in lifting millions of Americans out of poverty and into the middle class. These contracting requirements will incentivize, rather than penalize, employers to raise their workplace standards to retain much sought-after federal contracts. They will also provide savings to the federal government by lowering the cost of the federal safety net because fewer workers will be reliant on federal benefits. With these standards, Demos has estimated an annual benefit savings of approximately \$3.3 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$3.1 billion for Medicaid, and \$2.5 billion for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Ultimately, the ROSIE Act will uplift our workers and benefit our entire country.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, I made remarks on S. 1799, the Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act. I want to clarify that the bill makes funds available to the Department of Justice, including the FBI and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices for victims' services under the Crime Victims Fund. S. 1799 clarifies that funds available may only be used to benefit victims, through the work of Victim Witness Coordinators, Advocates, and Specialists, and for the administrative support of these employees to help them in their service to crime victims. For example, these Coordinators, Advocates, and Specialists may not be used to do witness travel services but instead should be exclusively providing services for the benefit of crime victims as the statute says. This provision was contained in a House bill, the Justice for Crime Victims Act of 2014, which I introduced in March of this year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 22, I missed one recorded vote. I would like to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

On rollcall No. 434, I would have voted "aye."

COMMEMORATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS BUILDING IN SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), their more than 200 employees and their beautiful new headquarters building to Schaumburg, Illinois.

The American Society of Anesthesiologists represents more than 52,000 members and is a cutting edge education and professional association. ASA is dedicated to the advancement and study of the practice of anesthesiology, with patient safety and standards of care at the core of its mission.

For more than 100 years, this association has worked to ensure that all Americans have access to high-quality and safe health care, and has been active in ensuring Congress does all it can to protect patient safety.

Anesthesiology was one of the first medical specialties to champion patient safety as a specific focus, leading to the creation of the independent Anesthesia Patient Safety Founda-

tion in 1985. This organization, supported by the ASA, works to assure that no patient will be harmed by anesthesia. This has led to national standards of practice, a rare feat for a medical professional society.

In its new state-of-the-art headquarters, ASA can better highlight the important role of physician anesthesiologists and their responsibility for patient care before, during, and after surgery. Since 2008, ASA has showcased its focus on patient safety through the Anesthesia Quality Institute, which develops and maintains a registry of case data that helps physician anesthesiologists assess and improve patient care. Additionally, ASA has maintained focus on the best methods of improving patient safety and recovery, developing the Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH), an innovative model of delivering health care during the entire patient surgical experience from the time of the decision for surgery until patient recovery.

The new facility features an updated Wood Library and Museum of Anesthesiology, which highlights these and other important historical developments of the practice of anesthesiology from its origin as the first organized anesthesiology society in Long Island, NY.

From the Land of Lincoln to our nation's capital, the importance of patient safety continues to be a top priority. This is reflected in the Dr. Crawford Long statue, the father of anesthesiology, here in the U.S. Capitol building, a reminder of the ongoing efforts to develop the safest and most effective methods of anesthesiology and pain relief. Through the education, advocacy and involvement of ASA, the medical field of anesthesiology continues to grow and advance.

I am proud to rise and stand in support of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for patient safety within the field of anesthesiology. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking them for their efforts and congratulating them on their new headquarters located in the Eighth District of Illinois.

A TRIBUTE TO INGRID WALKER-HENRY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ingrid Walker-Henry, an elementary school teacher, union leader, activist, mother, and wife from the Fourth Congressional District of Wisconsin.

Ingrid Walker-Henry was born and raised in Milwaukee and attended Milwaukee Public Schools. Her family has a history of teachers with both her mother and aunt having taught in the Milwaukee Public School System. She aspired to be a teacher from a young age. She graduated from Riverside University High School and joined the Young Educators' Society while attending school there. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a master's degree in Instructional Technology from Cardinal Stritch University.

Ingrid Walker-Henry is an elementary school teacher, as well as an instructional coach in the Milwaukee Public School System. She is

also a union leader and activist. Ms. Walker-Henry has taught at several schools in the Milwaukee Public School System including: Silver Spring, Clemens, Auer, Hawthorne, Browning, and Gwen T. Jackson schools.

Ms. Walker-Henry serves as Secretary on the Executive Board of the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association and is an active member in the Schools and Communities United Coalition. She is also active in the local NAACP efforts to increase voter turnout and voter registration in Milwaukee.

Recently, Ms. Walker-Henry was recognized by *Essence Magazine* in an article recognizing African American Moms involved in educational activism. As an educator and lifelong Milwaukee resident, Ingrid is a strong supporter of children and families and is a leader for her fellow union members in the fight for quality public education for every child. Mr. Speaker, it is for these reasons that I rise to pay tribute to a woman who is a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure. I am proud that she hails from the 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS (UCCS)

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Colorado Colorado Springs on the occasion of its upcoming 50th Anniversary.

UCCS is one of the fastest growing universities in the United States, and is the designated growth campus for the University of Colorado with over 11,000 students. It is also one of the largest employers in southern Colorado with an economic impact of over \$300 million annually to the state and local economies.

Since 1965, UCCS has brought the world-class standards of the University of Colorado System to southern Colorado and continues to educate and inspire not only the students, faculty, and staff of the university, but also the community-at-large. On behalf of the Colorado Fifth Congressional District, I wish UCCS a very happy 50th Anniversary and look forward to the next 50 years of growth and prosperity.

HONORING CELESTE WEINGARDT

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Celeste Weingardt, an inspiring leader and determined activist, who has assiduously worked on women's issues including protecting and promoting access to reproductive healthcare and services. For over two decades, Celeste has served as a beacon of empowerment for women in politics and community leadership in Ventura County.

Celeste first became involved with the Women's Political Appointments Coalition of Ventura County in 1990. Shortly thereafter,

she joined the Commission for Women in Ventura County, where she served as chair of the organization during her years of dedicated service. Celeste has also offered her extensive and invaluable leadership and expertise to organizations such as the Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network; the Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence; the National Women's Political Caucus at the city, state, and national levels; and the Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative.

Throughout her years of service, Celeste has advocated for a vast array of women's issues including reproductive rights and justice, teenage pregnancy prevention, the prevention and elimination of violence against women both locally and globally, as well as access to quality and affordable childcare. Her exemplary work has been a true inspiration to many women throughout our region.

In addition, Celeste currently sits on the organizing committee of the Women's Political Council of Ventura County and serves on the board of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties, which actively works to protect family planning and reproductive rights.

It is my sincere pleasure to join the Ventura County Women's Political Council in recognizing Celeste Weingardt for her instrumental efforts and activities to engage and empower women. For her continued active and effective advocacy and leadership, I wholeheartedly commend Celeste Weingardt for her impressive career of service which she has selflessly given to her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRIS KINGSLEY

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Los Angeles Kings Head Trainer Chris Kingsley, a native of Greenfield, Massachusetts. I would like to congratulate Mr. Kingsley's contribution to the Kings' recent Stanley Cup win, and recognize his fundraising efforts on behalf of the Franklin County Hockey Association.

For over 40 years, the Franklin County Hockey Association has contributed to the development of our youth through the game of hockey. The FCHA provides young people with the opportunity to have fun while learning the basic skills of ice skating and how to play hockey. As a team sport, hockey affirms the importance of commitment, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. This helps young people develop skills and values they can carry with them for the rest of their lives.

My district is so fortunate that Mr. Kingsley has used his success in the game of hockey to help the sport in the community where he grew up. On behalf of the people of Franklin County, I congratulate Chris Kingsley for another championship season with the Los Angeles Kings and thank him for his continued support of the Franklin County Hockey Association.

TRIBUTE TO PAM HAZE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Pam Haze, an individual whose dedication and contribution to public service is exceptional. Her extensive experience and knowledge have been a great benefit to the Department of the Interior, Congress, and the American people. Pam will soon be retiring from the Department of the Interior after 34 years of federal service.

Pam has tirelessly dedicated herself to public service, committing her career to a wide range of positions. Currently, Pam is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition at the Department of the Interior, a position she was appointed to in October of 2009. It is in this current position that Pam has been responsible for the oversight and management of the Department's programs and policies in budget; finance; acquisition and property management; performance management; and small and disadvantaged business.

Pam has been an invaluable resource to me and my staff on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee. Whether she is testifying before our committee, or responding to a myriad of questions on behalf of the Department, Pam has been a key liaison between the Appropriations Committee and the Department. Pam is that rare individual who focuses on solving problems when faced with even the most challenging circumstances. She has earned the admiration and respect of Republicans and Democrats alike for her knowledge of the issues and ability to arrive at solutions considered fair and reasonable by all sides.

Pursuing her interests in the environment, Pam received both an undergraduate degree in wildlife biology and a graduate degree in environmental science and ecology from George Mason University. Pam took her passion with her to the Department of Interior, where she has spent the majority of her federal career within Interior bureaus, such as the Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Land Management and the former Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. It was in these Interior agencies that Pam was able to effectively lead as a planner, hydrologist, field biologist, contaminant biologist, program analyst, administrator, budget analyst and manager.

Prior to her current service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, Pam spent time as the Deputy Director and Co-Director of the Office of the Budget from 1999 to 2006 and from 2007 to 2009 as the director of the Department's Office of Budget. Pam also has a great depth of experience with other federal agencies, such as the Small Business Administration and the Office of the Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System in which she played a critical role in successfully facilitating the completion of the Alaska natural gas pipeline. In addition, Pam has also previously devoted her time and knowledge to Cambridge Scientific Abstracts.

For her many years of public service, Pam deserves our thanks and praise. Her tireless

passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our nation. Through her broad range of roles in our government, she has spent her working life in the service of others, and this merits my most sincere gratitude. I ask that the House join me in wishing Pam the best as she begins the next chapter of her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. DOUG NIECE OF FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Doug Niece of Flemington, New Jersey, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 93. Mr. Niece was a long-time Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 61 in Flemington, where he served for more than 60 years and influenced the lives of more than 6,000 scouts.

Mr. Niece was a beloved figure in the Boy Scout community and is believed to have been the longest-serving Cubmaster in the country when he retired from his scouting responsibilities in 2010. During the Boy Scouts of America 100th anniversary celebration, he was honored and recognized as one of the Top 100 Scouters in service to the Nation.

Mr. Niece was professionally involved with Hunterdon County's two major newspapers, first the Republican and later the Democrat. In Flemington, he led the annual Christmas tree lighting and organized the traditional pre-dawn Christmas carolling with the Flemington Children's Choir School. He also served as a board member of the Jennie Haver Scholarship Fund, as a volunteer aide at Franklin Township School and an elder, deacon, Sunday School teacher and superintendent at Flemington Presbyterian Church.

I had the great pleasure of knowing Mr. Niece and seeing many of his great contributions to the Flemington community. I know he will be missed by all who were influenced by his dedicated public service.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD ROOF

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Richard Roof for his extraordinary service to the people of Paducah, and Kentucky's entire First Congressional District. Mr. Roof is celebrating his fortieth year as manager of Barkley Regional Airport. Barkley Regional's existence is due in part to Paducah native Vice President Alben Barkley, for whom the airport is also named. The airport provides travel to Chicago's O'Hare, one of the best connected airports in the United States.

Richard's career in the aviation industry began in 1962 when he passed the commercial pilot's written exam, at age 18. Throughout Mr. Roof's college years he would work as a pilot, carrying overnight mail between Lexington, Huntington and Louisville.

Richard Roof took the job of assistant manager on July 1, 1974, and two months later, he took over as manager. Richard's role at the airport is not limited to sitting behind a desk. Richard is said to wear "many hats," which has proven beneficial to the airport's operation. When not carrying out his managerial duties, you may find him snow plowing the airport's 80 acres of pavement.

Throughout Richard's 40 year tenure as manager at the airport, he has witnessed the evolution of the airline industry. Through Richard's leadership, the airport has survived the changes and weathered periods of unfavorable economic conditions, and has emerged as a \$30 million economic mainstay in Western Kentucky.

Richard Roof serves as a symbol to all Americans that through hard work and dedication, one life can truly change the lives of hundreds. I would like to call to the attention of the House of Representatives, Richard's many years of service to the people of Kentucky and urge all members of Congress to join me in congratulating him on this milestone.

HONORING DR. CORA B. MARRETT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a cherished colleague to the Science community, Dr. Cora Marrett. After serving with distinction for nearly two decades she will be retiring after serving as Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Dr. Marrett is a shining example of what it means to be an effective public servant. She has built her career on bipartisanship, expertise and dependability. Dr. Marrett has always kept the needs of the American people close at heart. Dr. Marrett deserves to be commended for serving at the helm of NSF during tumultuous times, such as sequestration and the government shutdown. She earned NSF's Distinguished Service Award for her groundbreaking leadership of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences directorate.

As Ranking Member for the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I have the distinct pleasure of working closely with Dr. Marrett. Over the years, she has demonstrated a tremendous mastery of the political process and led NSF's mission to achieve excellence in U.S. science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels. She has shown a clear commitment to furthering scientific and intellectual advancement here in the United States. I am especially grateful for the insights she provided as a witness a number of times. I thank her for her service and wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Mr. Speaker, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the American people will be losing a loyal advocate this August. I have an immense amount of respect for Dr. Marrett, and I wish her and her family all the best in any future endeavors.